

**WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING and
SWEARING-IN CEREMONY
MINUTES
JULY 1, 2008**

An Organizational Meeting of the Williamsburg City Council was held on July 1, 2008, 12:00 Noon, at the Courthouse of 1770, Duke of Gloucester Street, following the official Swearing-In Ceremony for Mr. Clyde Haulman, Mr. Paul Freiling, and Ms. Judith Knudson.

Attendance

Present were Ms. Zeidler, Ms. Knudson, and Messrs. Haulman, Freiling, Braxton, City Attorney Phillips, City Clerk Crist, City Manager Jackson Tuttle, and Assistant City Manager Miller. The Courthouse was filled with family and friends of City Council members, city staff, citizens, and visitors to the Historic Area.

Call to Order

Prior to the Organizational Meeting, at 11:45 a.m., the Sergeant of the City Hustings Court (Mr. Tom Hay, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation) called the Swearing-In Ceremony to order in 18th century style, welcomed everyone, and introduced present Mayor Jeanne Zeidler.

Mayor Zeidler thanked the Sergeant of the Court and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Mayor Zeidler welcomed everyone to the event to witness the transition of power to the 2010 City Council. She introduced the members of City Council and Judge Samuel Powell, acknowledged former Council Member Mickey Chohany (who was not present). The Mayor noted that Mr. Haulman was elected for a third term, Mr. Freiling for a second, and Ms. Knudson to her first. History is being made today in that this is the first time in the city's history that two women will serve on Council.

The Mayor noted that both the swearing-in ceremony and organizational meeting have been held at the Courthouse of 1770 since 1998. She provided a brief history of the Courthouse and of the city Mace (resting on the table in front of the dais).

Certificates of Election

Mayor Zeidler introduced Ms. Margaret Biggins, Chair of the Electoral Board. Ms. Biggins presented Certificates of Election to Mr. Haulman, Mr. Freiling, and Ms. Knudson with her congratulations.

Oaths of Office

Mayor Zeidler introduced Circuit Court Judge Samuel T. Powell III, to administer the Oaths of Office.

Judge Powell said that this was his favorite judicial function to perform. He administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Haulman, Mr. Freiling, and Ms. Knudson. Council members signed their oath; certified by Judge Powell, and witnessed by Ms. Crist.

Mr. Haulman thanked everyone for attending and thanked the citizens for re-electing him. He was looking forward to the next four years and he could not think of a better place to be than Williamsburg.

Mr. Freiling noted that the Declaration of Independence was read on these courthouse steps and could not help but be reminded of our democratic responsibilities, such as voting. It is a duty and privilege to serve and he thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity. He especially thanked Don Hess, Sarah and Chips Houghland, and his family for their support.

Ms. Knudson thanked everyone for their support during the campaign, especially her family. She strongly felt that it was our duty to support and contribute to the place where we live and looked forward to serving for the next four years.

Mayor Zeidler congratulated the Council members and thanked Judge Powell.

The Swearing-In Ceremony concluded.

At 12:00 Noon, City Attorney, Phillips, Chairman Pro Tem, called the meeting to order. Mr. Phillips congratulated the new Council members and asked for nominations for Mayor.

Nominations

*Mr. Freiling nominated **Jeanne Zeidler** for Mayor. There were no other nominations.*

Ms. Zeidler was elected by acclamation by the following vote:

Aye: Freiling, Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Knudson

Mayor Zeidler took the Chair. She said she was honored to serve as Mayor and noted that the Mayor's role was the first among equals. Each member brings a special role to Council. She thanked her colleagues for their confidence in her and said she will work to be worthy and will put the interests of citizens first.

Mayor Zeidler opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Mayor.

*Mr. Braxton nominated **Clyde A. Haulman** as Vice-Mayor. There were no other nominations.*

Mr. Haulman was elected by acclamation by the following vote:

Aye: Freiling, Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Knudson

*Mr. Haulman Moved that Council recognize and confirm the continuation of **Shelia Y. Crist** as Clerk of Council.*

Ms. Crist was appointed by acclamation by the following vote:

Aye: Freiling, Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Knudson

*Mr. Braxton Moved That City Council Recognize and Confirm **Joseph Phillips** as City Attorney.*

*Mr. Phillips was appointed by acclamation by the following vote:
Aye: Freiling, Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Knudson*

*Mr. Freiling Moved That City Council Recognize and Confirm **Jackson C. Tuttle** as City Manager.*

*Mr. Tuttle was appointed by acclamation by the following vote:
Aye: Freiling, Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Knudson*

Mayor Zeidler expressed Council's thanks to Ms. Crist, Mr. Tuttle, and Mr. Phillips for their dedication and exceptional service.

ADOPTION OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES OF CITY COUNCIL, Proposed Resolution # 08-10

Ms. Knudson Moved That City Council Adopt Resolution #8-10, Adoption of Policy and Procedures of the City Council, Revised June 30, 2008. The Motion was Seconded by Mr. Braxton.

Recorded Vote on the Motion:

Aye: Freiling, Braxton, Zeidler, Haulman, Knudson

No: None

(SEE ADOPTED RESOLUTION #08-10)

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Approved: August 14, 2008

Jeanne Zeidler , Mayor

Shelia Y. Crist, MMC
Clerk of Council